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An agreement on navigation in, and on the exploitation and maintenance
of, bordering waters was made between East Germany and Poland on 6 February
1952.

Comment. For a copy of the third part of the German-Polish agreement
dated 6 February 1952, see Annex.

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Agreement

on the navigation on, and on the exploitation and maintenance of, bordering waters concluded between the governments of the German Democratic Republic and the Polish Republic.

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Chapter III

Principles Governing Mutual Cooperation for Measures to be
Taken against Flood and Ice.

Article 19

The two contracting parties agree to cooperate and coordinate measures against dangers resulting from drifting ice. The Polish partner will be responsible for the technical management of the respective measures. He will inform the German partner of the place and time of all necessary operations for the removal of ice on the border section and the middle and lower courses of the Oder River and the Lausnitzer Neisse River. Ice breaking operations will be performed in up-river direction starting from the mouth of the Oder River. Ice may be blasted in spots, if necessary, provided that no down-river sections are endangered. The Polish partner will consider the wishes and needs of the German partner when breaking ice and thus avoid all possible dangers to German territory. The German partner will supply all technical equipment such as ice-breakers, and demolition details, on request of the Polish partner. The competent authorities of the two parties will agree on the technical means required for ice breaking which are to be employed and furnished by the two parties.

Article 20

The two contracting parties will render mutual assistance and refund expenses in case of damage or accidents resulting from blasting operations.

Article 21

The two contracting parties will carry out flood protection work in their own areas "in compliance with their own regulations" and warn the other contracting party in case of danger of dike breaks. In the event of a dike break, the two contracting parties will immediately take joint measures to supply all technical means and detail the labor force required to make all necessary repairs. The costs will be borne by the party requesting aid.

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Article 22

The operating costs for icebreakers, used in icebreaking operations, will be borne by the party owning them. Costs resulting from the employment details for blasting operations, made by one party at the request of the other, will be borne equally by the two parties.

Article 23

The two contracting parties agree that water in the river section of the village Hohensaaten (Zarton Gorna) will be distributed by the competent Polish authorities following arrangements made with German agencies.

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